

# FastCAT



# Columbia Transit Financials

- Expenses 7.2 million / year
- Funded by
  - Tax subsidy 2.7 million / year
  - Grants 1.2 million / year
  - Fares (service charges) 1.7 million / year
  - Losses 1.5 million / year

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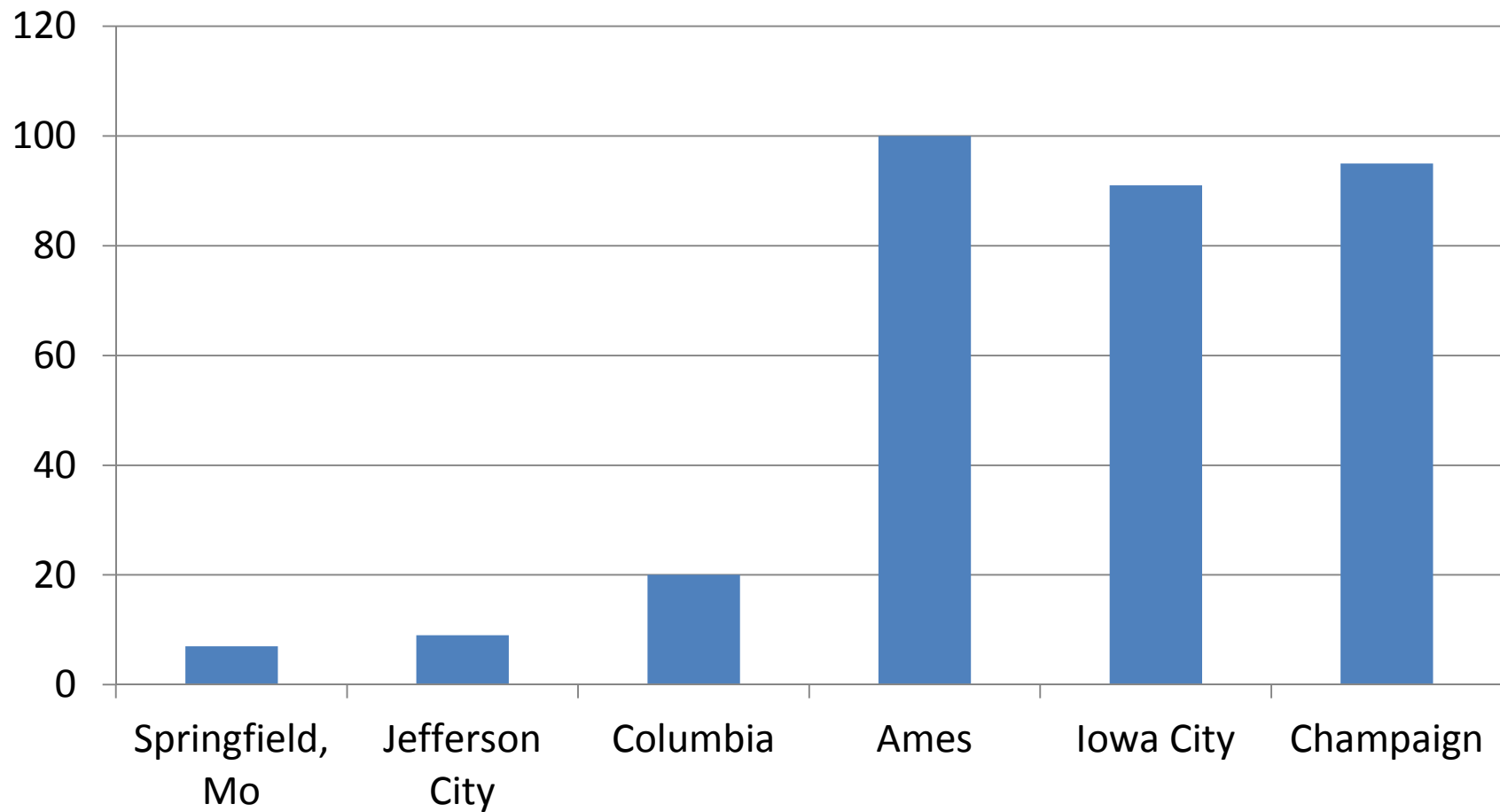
- Layoff 15 police officers, or
  - Lay off 15 fire fighters, or
  - Eliminate City social service spending, or
  - Ask citizens to vote tax increase, or
  - Decrease street maintenance
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- Decrease expense (service)
  - Increase fares

# Current transit system

- Finances unsustainable
- System is unsustainable



# Bus rides per capita





# Characteristics of high ridership

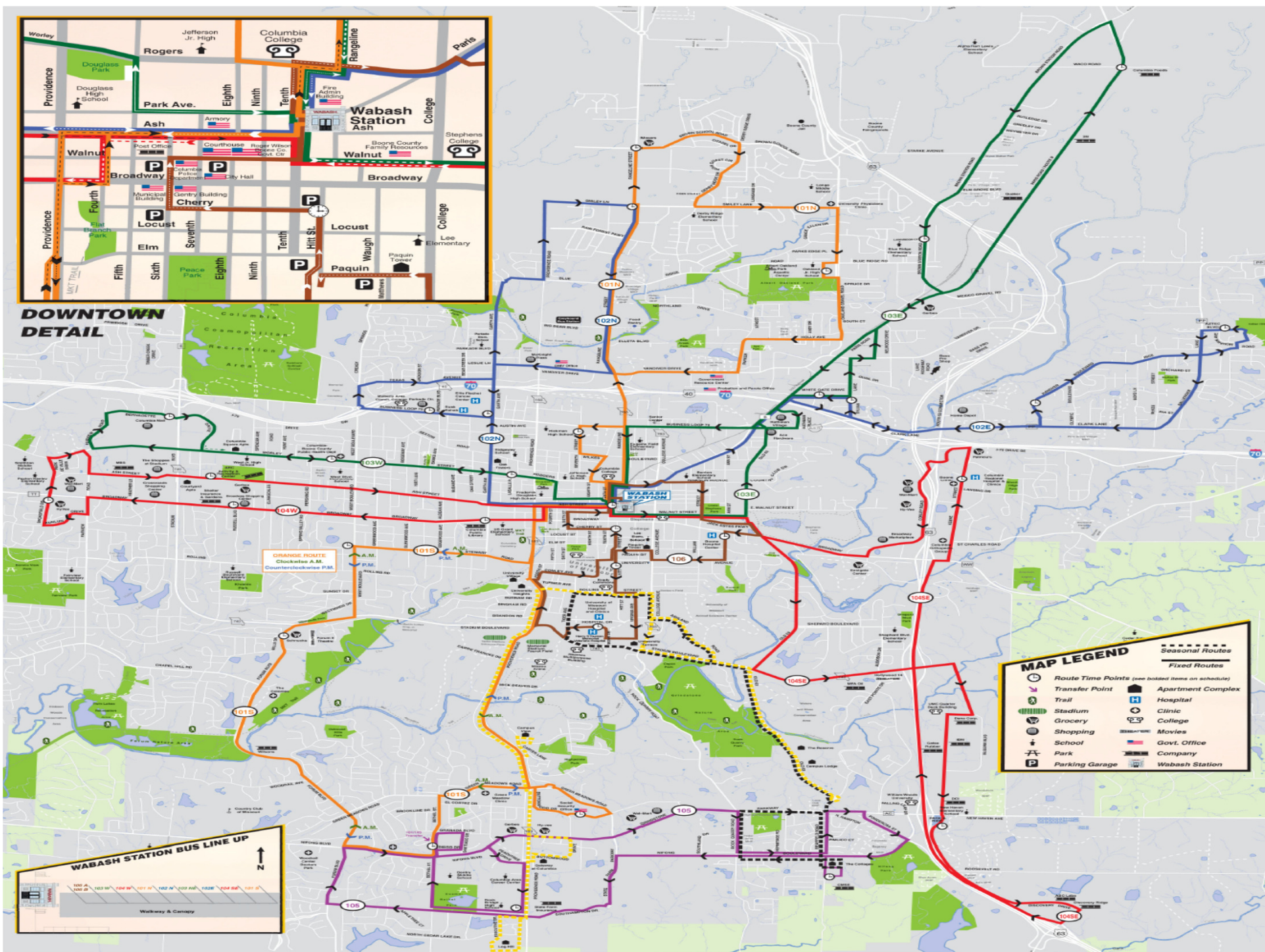
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- 30 minute frequency
- Extended hours

# Transit options

- Transit Task Force
  - Public Transportation Commission
  - Heavy student representation
  - University and college administration
  - City administration
  - Elected officials
  - PedNet – Park and Ride

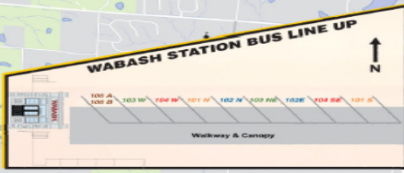
# Transit Task Force Goals

- Restructure Transit governance
- Establish community – college collaboration
- Engage students
- Recommend restructured routes
  - Speed and frequency?
- Recommend service expansion
- Funding recommendations



**MAP LEGEND**

Seasonal Routes	
Fixed Routes	
Route Time Points (see bolded items on schedule)	Apartment Complex
Transfer Point	Hospital
Trail	Clinic
Stadium	College
Grocery	Movies
Shopping	Govt. Office
School	Company
Park	Wabash Station
Parking Garage	











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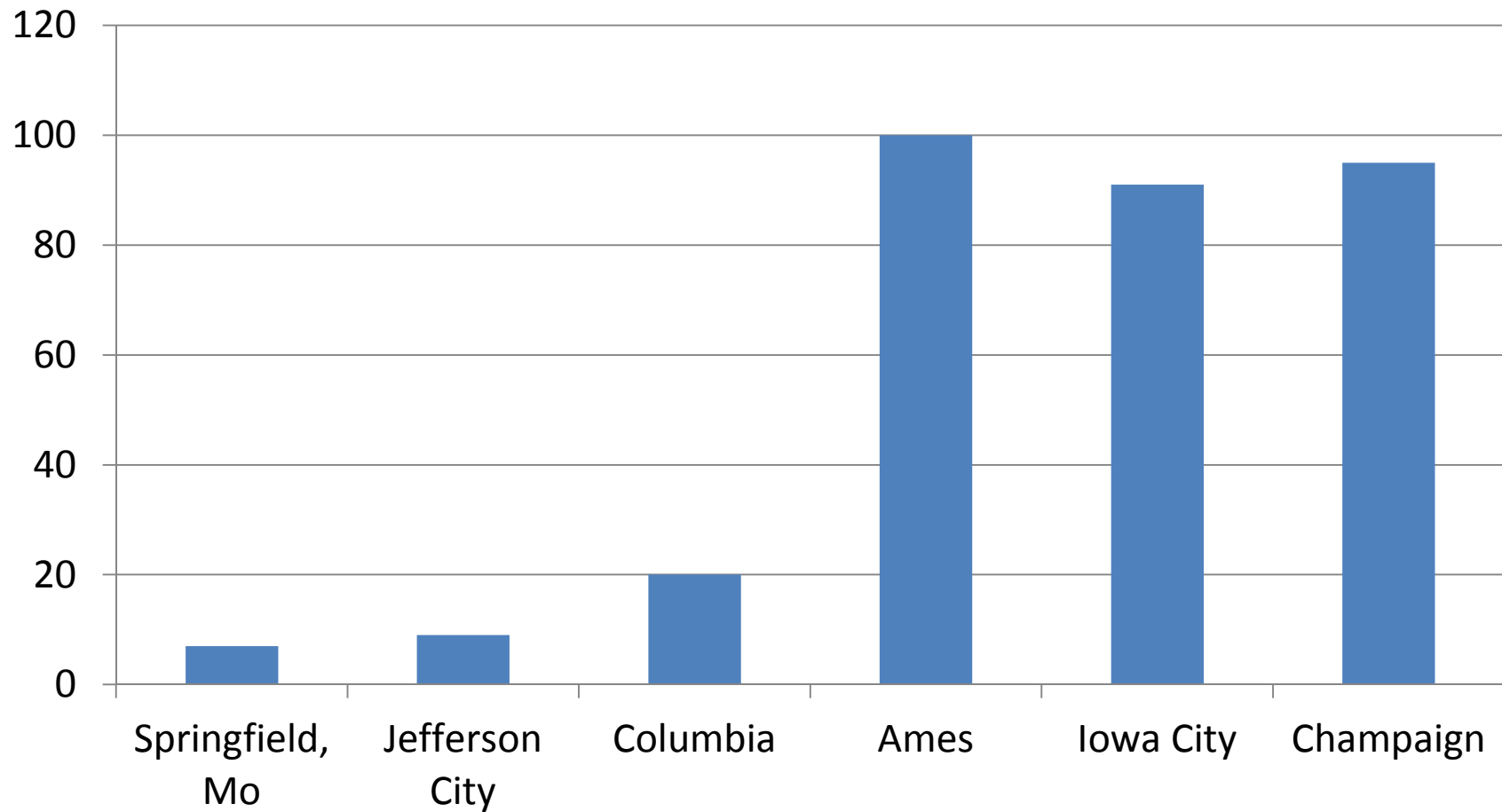
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  - (\$500,000 turnaround)
  - Ridership??



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